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SUBJ: LEBANESE- FEDAYEEN RELATIONS

1. PLO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ISSUED PARTICULARLY HARSH
STATEMENT HERE MIDNIGHT MAY 5-6 IN RESPONSE TO PRES
FRANGIE' S EARLIER STATEMENT (BEIRUT 5063) RE NEED FOR
GOL TO SAFEGUARD LEBANESE SOVEREIGNTY AND NOT PERMIT
" OCCUPATION ARMY" ON COUNTRY SOIL. PLO/ EC STATEMENT
INSISTED PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON MUST REMAIN
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COMPLETELY DEDICATED TO TASK OF LIBERATION " USURPED
HOMELAND" AND ASKED, " WHERE IS THIS ALLEGED OCCUPATION?
DOES OUR COMMITMENT TO CAIRO AGREEMENT AND OUR DETERMINA-
TION DEFEND OUR EXISTENCE INSIDE CAMPS AMOUNT TO OCCUPATION
ARMY? IS THIS AN INFRINGEMENT ON LEBANON' S SOVEREIGNTY?"
STATEMENT WENT ON TO NOTE THAT " AMERICAN EMBASSY IS PER-
MITTED BRING US TROOPS TO BEIRUT UNDER PRETEXT OF PROTECTING
ITSELF" AND DEMANDED KNOW WHY -- OF THIS " ARMED AMERICAN
PRESENCE" AND US " CONSPIRACIES ON LEBANON' S SOVEREIGNTY --
ARMED PALESTINIAN PRESENCE INSIDE CAMPS SHOULD BE CONSTRUED
AS DOING SO. SAID FEDAYEEN HAD EXERCISED GREAT SELF-
RESTRAINT IN LAST WEEK' S FIGHTING, SINCE THEY COULD HAVE
ESCALATED CONFLICT " ALL OVER LEBANON" BUT DELIBERATELY
REFRAINED FROM DOING SO. " ALL WE ASK," SAID PLO/ EC, " IS
TO CARRY OUT OUR NATIONAL ROLE AND WORK FOR LIBERATION
OF OUR OCCUPIED LANDS." ADDED THAT RECENT CLASHES WITH
LEBANESE ARMY " WILL MAKE US MORE VIGILANT AND ALERT
TO EVIL ELEMENTS WHICH TRY FOSTER SECTARIAN STRIFE AND
SOW DISCORD BETWEEN LEBANESE AND PALESTINIANS." STATEMENT
CONCLUDED WITH DEMANDS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PAST
GOL- FEDAYEEN AGREEMENTS, CREATION OF JOINT COMMITTEES
TO SUPERVISE SUCH IMPLEMENTATION, RELEASE OF DETAINED
FEDAYEEN AND THEIR WEAPONS, AND HANDLING OF OUTSTANDING
PROBLEMS " IN SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD AND TOLERANCE".
" PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION HAS RIGHT TO DEFEND ITS EXISTENCE
AND CONTINUITY OF ITS ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST AGGRESSION
FROM ANY QUARTER."

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH GOL PRESIDENCY AND ARMY LEADERS
ARE INCENSED OVER PLO/ EC STATEMENT. THEY TELL US THEY
HAVE INSISTED -- AND ' ARAFAT HAS AGREED -- ON PUBLIC
RETRACTION BY PLO. THIS WILL BE INTERESTING STRAW IN
WIND RE TRENDS IN GOL- FEDAYEEN RELATIONS.
DECONTROL ON MAY 7, 1974.
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